April 10, 1924.

Mr. Hardy R. Collier,
Goldthwaite, Tex.
R-4.

Dear Hardy;

I have just opened your letter of April 6th and hasten to reply to same as it thrilled me very much to know that you had a photograph of my Great Grandfather, Robert Collier. As before advised you I have his old family Bible as it was handed down by my Great Grandmother Martha Booker to my Grandfather Robert Marshall and at his death it went to my Father, Isaac Cuthbert Collier and at his death in 1908 it came over to me.

I have just had enlarged, and made a new, some photographs of my Grandfather, my Father, myself and my son, Durward Cuthbert Collier, and my little grandson 6 years old, Jena Cuthbert Collier the second, all to be put in a complete frame showing four generations. Now I am anxious to add to this collection a photograph of my Great Grandfather and if you will loan me this picture, having it well packed and send by parcel post, insured for $50, and also place a special delivery stamp on it, I will be glad to have some good photographs made in Atlanta and send you a new one back as well as return the old photograph. If you will do this I will appreciate it very much.

The only child of Aunt Edith Louise Collier Sherman living resides at Cuthbert, Ga. by the name of Miss Mary Lou Sherman. I only learned of her residence last year yet we live within 150 miles of each other and I now hear from her every two or three months. She is 75 or 80 years old and has never married.

I remember my Great Grandmother's funeral, she died in 1876, I was a very small child at that time but can remember going down there and I remember quite well the old negro woman that looked after her for years, her name was Aunt Nette, she was a yellow woman and was her maid for a long time and she had an old brother by the name of John Collier. You can tell your Aunt Fannie this old plantation is still owned by Robert M. Collier of Atlanta, a son of my Grandfather and the only living child of my Grandfather by his second wife whom he married just after the Civil War.

Mr. Billy Stephens lived at The Rock many years as well as my Grandfather and he has been dead about 15 years. He had a brother by the name of Jessie Stephens who was my wife's Grandfather and my wife is named Jessie after her Grandfather. I note what you say regarding the children of Mr. Billy Stephens, I never knew George or Asa but have heard of George, he has a son living in Atlanta. Sevie Stephens was the wife of J. H. Marchman and died when I was a child. Josie married E. W. Rose and lived on an adjoining plantation of my Father's two miles north of The Rock but she died when I was a child some seven or eight years old.

roads are so good here in Georgia that we easily make 300 miles a day. I frequently drive my car to Americus, 125 miles, do a days work and return the same evening so you can know we have good roads.

Robert Cuthbert Collier arrived at the home of my son, Durward Cuthbert, about ten thirty A.M. Sunday and appears to be a very bright baby. This makes three children in this home the oldest being 6 years, Jena Cuthbert Collier, second a daughter just three, Virginia and then this little baby boy which makes a very interesting family and I guess will keep Durward busy and on the job to give them all a good college education.

I am going to ask you to pardon me for just a few days in giving a complete answer to this letter and your former letters as I will have to do quite a little bit of thinking to give you all the family history for the past few years that you would like. Of course I don't remember all of your family as I was born three or four years after the war closed and after I grew up I became so active in life that I did not keep in very close touch with my Father on the family. He was busy and I was busy and about all I know is what my Mother told me after his death, I was more interested then than before.

All the family reads your letters each time they come and they are very proud to hear from you. You write very much like my daughter Jessie and I told her the other day if she could only write letters like you do that her letters would certainly be interesting to her various correspondents.

All the family send love and good wishes and hope some day to know all of you and with my most sincere regards I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

JCC:C